

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: PACHUK et al. Confirmation No.: 3823  
Application No.: 10/560,377 Group No.: 1648  
Filed: 06/19/2006 Examiner: PENG, Bo  
For: CONSERVED HBV AND HCV SEQUENCES USEFUL FOR GENE  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 4, 2009 in the above-noted U.S. patent application. This is filed concurrently with a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to generate a separate Continuation-In-Part application from the parent PCT application PCT/US2005/046162 properly claiming the benefit of priority of US Provisional Application No. 60/638,294 filed December 22, 2004.

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